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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: TO BE ASSIGNED) Group Art Unit: TO BE ASSIGNED
(corresponds to PCT/JP96/00348)) Examiner: TO BE ASSIGNED
Filed: August 18, 1997)
For: A GENE ENCODING A PROTEIN)
HAVING ACYL GROUP TRANSFER)
ACTIVITY)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2-9, 13-15 and 18-25 as follows:

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2. (Amended) The gene according to claim 1 produced by the process of
[objectionable by] cloning using as [the] a primer a nucleotide sequence encoding the
amino acid sequence [as set forth in] of SEQ ID No. 21.

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3. In claim 3, page 74, line 10, please delete "as set forth in" and insert

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